

Bishop C.H. Mason, Founder 1906

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"The law of truth was in his mouth and iniquity was not found in his mouth." Mat. 2:6. "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." John 8:32.

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SEPTEMBER CELEBRATION READY



Bishop L.H. Ford

Bishop Louis H. Ford desires to see as many saints as possible attend the Founder's Week Celebration, which is scheduled to be conducted in Lexington, Mississippi, September 11-14, 1990. The Bishop hopes and prays that every jurisdictional bishop is spreading the

words about the celebration. Many posters and flyers announcing the Founder's Week have been distributed. These communiques depict the wide range of support and anticipated attendance during the week.

All local churches are requested to collect a free will offering on September 2, 1990, the first Sunday and send it immediately to their jurisdictional bishop. The bishops will report their totals to the national church as a gift in Lexington on September 11th. For those who can, it is hoped the bishop will send the offering to the Office of the Presiding Bishop on September 7th. That offering will be used to complete the work started in Lexington by Bishop J.O. Patterson, Sr. Furthermore, the remainder will be applied on the erecting of the Mother Deborah Mason Patterson Building, which will house the dining hall, offices and conference rooms.

The celebration will be a combination of a series of daily seminars and nightly worship services. Held totally on the campus of Saints Academy, the saints will enjoy the presentations, fellowships and worship. The overall theme of the Celebration will be "God's Way...Is The Right Way." Each day classes will be conducted from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Daily worship services will commence at 1:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. The subjects of the seminar session will be Drug and AIDS Education, Counseling Ministries, Teen Crisis, Homelessness and Sheltering Program and Local Church Programs and Related Economic Development.

The participants preparing to impact every delegate are well known. People will receive the best instruction and most inspired preaching possible. The following is an agenda of speakers for the Founder's Week observance.

FOUNDERS WEEK OBSERVANCE PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS

Tuesday - September 11th:

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1:00 PM Bishop T.T. Scott - Presiding

Speaker: Bishop C.L. Anderson
Second Assistant Presiding
Bishop

8:00 PM Bishop O.T. Jones, Jr. - Presiding

Speakers: Bishop W.W. Sanders
Bishop J. Neaul Haynes

Wednesday - September 12th:

1:00 PM Bishop J.A. Thompson -
Presiding

Speaker: Bishop Roy L.H. Winbush
8:00 PM Bishop C.E. Blake, I - Presiding

Speakers: Elder Walter Shannon
Bishop J.D. Husband

Thursday - September 13th:

1:00 PM Bishop D.L. Lindsey - Presiding

Speaker: Bishop S.L. Green, Jr.

8:00 PM Bishop L.R. Anderson -
Presiding

Speakers: Elder Jack Whitehead
Bishop C.D. Owens
First Assistant Presiding Bishop

Friday - September 14th:

1:00 PM Bishop L.E. Willis, Sr. -
Presiding

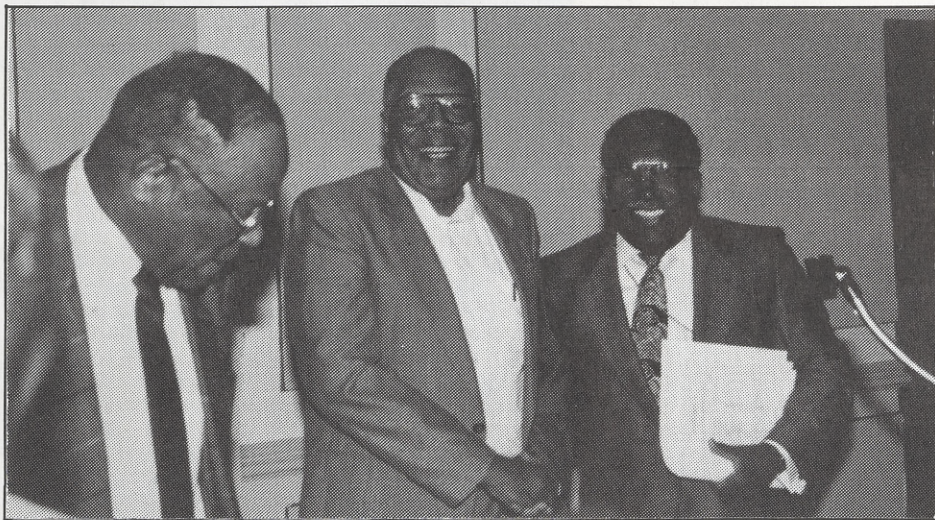
Speaker: Bishop P.A. Brooks

8:00 PM Bishop C.D. Owens - Presiding

Witness: Mrs. Margaret Walton
Mrs. Elsie Mason

Speaker: Bishop Louis H. Ford
Presiding Bishop

ELLIS HOLDS EXECUTIVE MEETING AT HEADQUARTERS



On Wednesday, July 25, 1990, Dr. Frank Ellis held the Executive Committee Meeting of the General Assembly of the Church Of God In Christ at the International Headquarters in Memphis, Tennessee. Of the 53 members of the executive committee, only three were not present for the two day planning meeting. Additionally, Bishop J. Howard Sherman and members of the Executive Committee of the Board of Bishops were also present at the invitation of the Chairman. It was a harmonious occasion for the delegation that represented nearly every facet of the Church, from the Bishops, State Supervisors, Superintendents, Pastors, Elders, and Laity. Bishop Clarence Sexton of Eastern, (NY), was on hand to lead the group in daily devotions and to assist Dr. Ellis in conducting the sessions. The mood of the occasion was optimistic and cooperative. As the meeting came to order, Dr. Ellis stated that the purpose of the meeting was to set the agenda for the November 1990 General Assembly, and reiterated his concerns about the unity of the Church; the need to plan the General Assembly agenda before it convenes, and the cooperation that is necessary between the two branches of the Church—the executive and

the legislative. He further stated that he had met with the Presiding Bishop, Bishop L.H. Ford and pledged to work with the General Board in providing direction for the welfare of the Church. In deference to the volume of work to be done, the Chairman called for the reports from the commissions and committees. Bishop Nathaniel Wells, (MI), chairman of the Credentials Committee gave a report on the activities of his committee; citing a number of items that are not clearly stated in the Constitution of the Church. In regards to "fellowships", he emphatically stated that the Church has never certified any fellowships, but has certified individuals who were considered in good standing and without any charges against them. He said that this was possible only when a jurisdictional bishop within the that region would allow the individual to be added to their roster. Because of the concerns expresses by the committee members about the definition of "good standing", Chairman Ellis appointed a committee headed by Bishop Wells to compose a resolution that would remedy the ambiguous procedure of certifying delegates to thee General Assembly. Bishop Robert Chapman, Elder Alton Barnes, Elder David Screvens, Dr. Cornelius Range, Elder Robert W. Williams, Elder John Butler, Elder Jonathan Saffold, and Elder Carl Howard were chosen to serve on the committee.

The Rules Committee, chaired by Elder G. Wesley Hardy, (VA), asked for a deliberation from the committee concerning the rules governing the seating arrangement for the General Assembly. Dr. Ellis informed the committee that a group from the Board of Bishops met with him in San Francisco during UNAC to discuss the seating arrangement for the General Assembly. The committee agreed that the rules adopted in April, which restricted the delegates to seating on the floor with the exception of the General Board; representatives of the Women's Department; and representatives from the Board of Bishops would remain intact, but the General Assembly would provide a reserved section for the Board of Bishops and the State Supervisors for a maximum of 30 minutes from the beginning of the session.

Elder Thomas Jackson, Chairman of the Election Committee was commended for remarkable service he and his committee performed in the last election in April, 1990. His committee prepared are solution to be presented to the General

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AMENDED AGENDA

Elder F.E. Knight, Chairman of the National Pastors/Elders Council Conference hopes to see all delegates attend the Annual Conference in New Orleans. The Committee has an agenda printed in the July Edition of the Whole Truth. The following is an amended agenda. For information pertaining to registration, please write:

Elder Michael Eaddy,
c/o National Pastors/Elders Council
P.O. Box 44131
Chicago, IL 60644

AMENDED AGENDA FOR THE 1990 NATIONAL PASTORS/ELDERS COUNCIL CONFERENCE September 3-6, 1990

SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

MONDAY, September 3, 1990

12:00 Noon- GENERAL REGISTRATION
3:30 p.m.
7:30 p.m. PRE-MUSICAL

TUESDAY, September 4, 1990

9:00 a.m. OPENING SESSION
OFFICIAL GREETINGS
Supt. F.E. Knight, Chairman,
NPEC
WELCOME & OVERVIEW
OF NEW ORLEANS
OFFICIAL RESPONSE
Elder J.P. Morgan,
1st Vice Chairman
ECHOES—JURISDICTIONAL
ELDERS COUNCIL
CHAIRMEN (Louisiana,
Mississippi)
WORKSHOPS/SEMINARS
10:30 a.m.-Noon
TOPIC: "Church Leadership in the Nineties—
Involving Every Preacher in the Pulpit"
Speaker: Bishop Roy L.H. Winbush, Prelate,
Louisiana First Jurisdiction

LUNCH

1:30 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.
TOPIC: "Closing the Back Door to Your Church"
Speaker: Supt. Jack Whitehead
2:45 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
TOPIC: "Meeting the Challenges of Our Youth"
(Social Issues)
Speaker: Elder Charles Brown, New Orleans, LA

1:30 p.m. WOMEN'S SESSION
4:00 p.m. DINNER
7:30 p.m. EVENING WORSHIP—
MARRIOTT HOTEL
555 Canal Street,
New Orleans, LA
—Introduction of Attending
Council Chairmen
—Greetings from area bishops:
* Bishop Roy L.H. Winbush,
Louisiana First Jurisdiction
* Bishop James Earl Gordon,
Eastern Louisiana -1
* Bishop Joseph A. Thompson
Eastern Louisiana -2
* Bishop Howard E. Quillen
Eastern Louisiana -3
Speaker: Supt. Franklyn
E. Knight,
Chairman, NPEC

WEDNESDAY, September 5, 1990

WORKSHOPS/SEMINARS
6:30 a.m. PRAYER—Dr. Daniel Brown,
Chaplain
8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
TOPIC: The Church and the Internal Revenue
Service
Speaker: Elder Edward Carter, Phoenix, AZ
9:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.
TOPIC: "Ministerial Ethics"
PANEL DISCUSSION
BREAK
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon
TOPIC: "Rightly Dividing the Word of Truth—
The Art of Preaching"
Speaker: Elder Oliver Haney, Dean C.H. Mason
Seminary, Atlanta, GA
LUNCH
1:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
TOPIC: "Organizing the Local Church"
Speaker: Supt. Herman Clark, Virginia
2:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
TOPIC: "Strengthening Relationships Within
the First Family"
Speaker: Dr. George McKinney, Prelate, Second
Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction—
So. California

BREAK

8:30 a.m.- 12:00 Noon
7:00 p.m. WOMEN'S SESSION
BANQUET AND AWARDS
CEREMONY
Keynote Speaker:
Bishop Louis H. Ford,
Presiding Bishop, COGIC

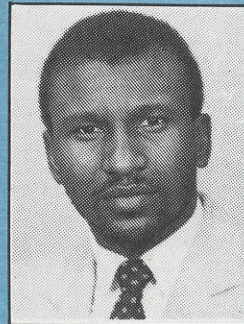
THURSDAY, September 6, 1990

WORKSHOPS/SEMINARS
6:30 a.m. PRAYER—Dr. Daniel Brown,
Chaplain
8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
TOPIC: "Church Financing—Membership
Involvement"
Speaker: Elder Dwight McDaniels, Pastor
San Francisco Temple, St. Louis, MO
BREAK
9:45 - 12:00 Noon
TOPIC: "The National Pastors/Elders Council
and the Importance of Pastors/Elders
Involvement"

PANEL DISCUSSION
Panel: Elder J. P. Morgan, Moderator; Elder John
Butler, Attorney, NY; Supt. Talbot Swann, MA;
Supt. Thomas Hammonds, CA; Supt. Bennie
Allison, IL; Elder George Perry, TX; Supt. Harvey
Lewis, DC, and others.

CLOSING REMARKS & PRAYER

Editorial



Dr. David Hall

Over the air waves came the announcement that Iraq had invaded Kuwait. It seemed those obscure and strange nations were going to plunge the entire world into war. The issues of money and power always create tension, and when it appears that 20 percent of the world's crude oil reserves is under the control of Saddam Hussein, people got very anxious. On the world stage, little men like Saddam Hussein can create these situations which appear unretractable. Once the issues become embroiled in conflicts of money, power and multi-national politics, people and nations must maintain control. Certainly, our President and the world's leaders have maintained their composure, but for how long?

I heard of Saddam Hussein during the bloody Iran/Iraq War. Hussein, the strong man of Iraq, was fighting one of America's great foes. His method of brutal and merciless warfare made me skeptical of his character. He projected a no holds barred image to the world, then backed it up by using poison gas on women and children. Now he demonstrates again his ability to do hideous and immoral acts. Reports say a 100,000 man army poured into Kuwait, killing people and destroying property. In the face of this aggression, has come diplomatic initiatives from Europe, Japan and America. These actions mean the world is anxious to remove this man and possibly even through war if necessary.

Hussein has responded with threats of military pressure, defiance and questionable political moves. His reported decision to establish a proxy government and a new 100,000 man army to protect that government is highly inflammatory. He is being compared to Hitler and an outlaw for his actions.

Does the Church Of God In Christ membership reflect on these events? Of course, we all have an opinion about the world's current events. Certainly the spectrum of higher gasoline and oil prices are always thought provoking. Even greater is the thought of sending our sons and daughters to war in a distant land.

Bishop C.H. Mason prayed about America's involvement in World War I and spoke against the war, Nazi Germany and the Kaiser during World War I. For this action he was put in jail and eventually run out of Lexington, Mississippi. That will not happen today because of the liberty we have as individuals. Our task is to pray for peace and to realize that God is in control of even the mad and unreasonable individuals who wield power without restraint.

We have authority to pray for peace, even when the mad and power hungry are involved. In fact, during the most desperate time, is when the greatest prayer is needed. What did Jesus say, "And in that day, ye shall ask me nothing. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever, ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it to you. Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name; ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full." John 16:23,24. Plainly said, we don't want higher gas prices, but they will come. Surely, the most significant issue is that of peace and certainly that is not promised. Only the peace which Jesus gives the individual within, while sustaining one through trials is essential to have. In times like these one must hold faith dear and trust God.

Worldly powers will take care of Saddam, but God will take care of the Saints.

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COMMEMORATIVE MEDALLIONS ISSUED



Bishop F.E. Perry, Chairman of UNAC-5 presenting the Presiding Bishop Louis Henry Ford, the first minted copy of the Bishops' Silver Medallion Set. July 5, 1990—San Francisco

Bishop F.E. Perry, president of United National Auxiliaries Convention (UNAC), presented the first set of Chief Shepherds Commemorative Silver Medallions. Bishop Louis Henry Ford received the first set of medallions. The medallions are a Louis Conway Langston creation, as he uses the bust images of Bishop C.H. Mason and Bishop J.O. Patterson, Sr. on the coins to commemorate the two former chief shepherds in our history.

The purpose of the coin set is to ensure the future of our youth. UNAC-5 produced and is marketing the medallion sets, making it possible to invest in pure fine silver today to help ensure the future of our youth. The medallions are 1½ inches in diameter of pure .999 fine silver. They make a precious gift and a solid investment to hand down to future generations while the cost is only \$55.00 per set.

The medallions are a UNAC-5 Scholastic Motivation Ministries project of real importance. All generations should know the history of our former chief shepherds. The following are brief biographical sketches of Bishops Mason and Patterson.

FOUNDER AND GENERAL OVERSEER CHARLES HARRISON MASON



Bishop
C.H. Mason

Bishop C.H. Mason, born September 8, 1866 on the Pryor farm in Arkansas, near Memphis. His ex-slave parents were Jerry and Elisa Mason. From his mother he learned to pray.

In 1906, Elder J. Seymour, a Black preacher from Texas was ministering in Los Angeles, California, when he received an mighty outpouring of the Holy Ghost. The "Revival" lasted for three years.

In March, 1907, Elder Mason went to Los Angeles. His traveling companions were D.J. Young and J.A. Jeters.

The first day of the meeting Elder Mason did not sit with his traveling companions when he went to

the meeting. He rejoiced at hearing the word of God. The second night of the meeting he had a vision and made his way to the altar to seek the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. He sought God until he spoke a language he did not understand; however the glory of God was in his soul.

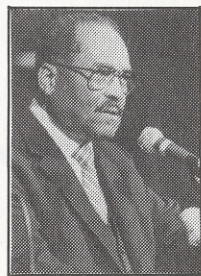
This new Pentecostal experience which Elder Mason had received in the West, inspired him to proclaim the experience upon his return to the South.

1907 was the beginning for COGIC. The first Pentecostal General Assembly of the "Church Of God In Christ" had begun. Overseer C.H. Mason was chosen as the General Overseer and Chief Apostle of COGIC.

Despite severe obstacles and constant hardships the Church Of God In Christ continued to triumph. When Bishop Mason passed in 1961 the words God had spoken to him in 1897 had become a reality. God had told Bishop Mason if he named the church the "Church Of God In Christ" there would never be a building large enough to hold all the followers he would have.

God gave Bishop Mason the largest Pentecostal denomination in the world. 1961 Bishop C.H. Mason pilgrimed beyond the reach of mortal man.

PRESIDING BISHOP AND CHIEF APOSTLE JAMES OGLETHORPE PATTERSON, SR.



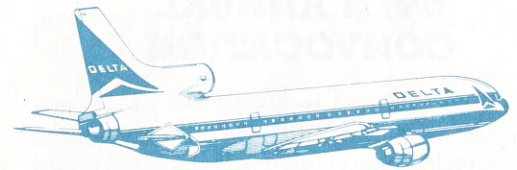
Bishop
J.O. Patterson, Sr.

A.B. McEwen, Sr. A year later he received his first charge as pastor of the church at Gates, Tennessee.

His success in these and other ministries were some of the factors that brought him to be consecrated to the bishopric in 1955, by Bishop C.H. Mason, with his first appointment as Prelate of the Second Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction of Tennessee. His success with this assignment led to his appointment to the secretariate of the Executive Committee of the Church which was created by Bishop Mason, this Committee became known as the Executive Board, and Bishop Patterson served this Board as its secretary. In addition to these duties, he also served as the Church's General Secretary, Member of the Board of Directors and Manager of the Church's Publishing House.

During the sixty-first General Assembly of the Church in November 1968, Bishop Patterson was elected the first Presiding Bishop of the Church Of God In Christ, making him the spiritual leader of the nearly million followers in the Church. In 1969, he became the Jurisdictional Bishop of the Headquarters Jurisdiction at Memphis, Tennessee.

The Chief Shepherd of our fold has laid down his staff and has pilgrimed beyond the reach of mortal man. On Friday, December 29, 1989, as he beheld the light that beckoned him from yonder shore, Bishop James Oglethorpe Patterson, Sr. answered the call.



THE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST EIGHTY-THIRD ANNUAL HOLY CONVOCATION NOVEMBER 6-12, 1990, MEMPHIS, TN

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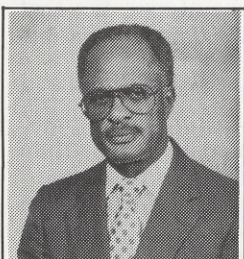
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Bishop Howard E. Quillen, Jr.

ATTENTION: MEMBERS OF THE COGIC FAMILY
Greetings in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ from the Office of the National Souvenir Journal.

As you are already aware, a "Souvenir Journal" of the Church Of God In Christ, International is published as a supplement to the Annual National Holy Convocation which convenes in Memphis, Tennessee. Each year you have been contributing articles describing advancements made in your local, district and state settings.

Because of your contributions, the previous editions of the Journal have been successful and we are very grateful and appreciative. However, we need you to continue to support this publication by providing an article(s) from you, your Jurisdiction,

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Very truly yours,
Bishop Howard E. Quillen, Jr.
Editor-in-Chief

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BISHOP LOUIS HENRY FORD SPEAKS AT THE 1990 WASHINGTON STATE 64TH ANNUAL CONVOCATION

Bishop T.L. Westbrook
State Bishop

Tacoma, Washington—"I want freedom of the Spirit; I must have it because I am God's child; Jesus saved me; washed me in His blood; and sent the Holy Ghost...thank God I'm saved."

Thus were the Holy professions that rang throughout the Tacoma Dome Convention Center, as Bishop Louis Henry Ford, International Presiding Prelate of the Church Of God In Christ delivered his message during the 1990-64th Annual Holy Convocation of the Washington State Jurisdiction of COGIC.

The theme for this year's Holy Convocation was "The Word of God for the World Today", and was a most appropriate one for such a time as this.

After a soul-stirring opening invocation which evoked the Divine presence of God to "saturate the souls of His people by the power of the Holy Ghost", the melodious voices of the Washington State COGIC Mass Choir ministered in music with such selections as "Bless the Lord", "Lift Up Your Head", "Omnipotent—He's Great Our Lord", and a song bird version of "Jesus, You're My King."

Mother Gertrude Young, Washington State Supervisor of Women's Word gave the Official Greeting to Bishop Ford, expressing words of appreciation and commendation for "his outstanding and far-reaching ministry, as well as the "excellent reputation" he has maintained. Additionally, Mother Young exemplified "the binding and unified leadership" of this great man of God. "And with much fasting and praying", Mother Young stated, "we rally behind your leadership."

Bishop T.L. Westbrook, Prelate of the Washington State Jurisdiction of COGIC, who personally greeted Bishop Ford at the Sea-Tac Airport, as well as spending the day with him, summed up the sentiments of his Spirit-filled heart as such:

"God chose Bishop Ford by a landslide, and it was befitting that it be so, because he has paid his dues...battling for the cause of Christ. For such a time as this, God has raised up this servant to take us to another plateau."

Bishop Ford expressed how happy he was to have been afforded the opportunity to join the Holy and sanctified men and women of God during this occasion, emphasizing that, "I am no great wonder...I am what I am, and that's all." And down to earth he is!

A deep burden expressed by Bishop Ford is the need for the COGIC saints to go back to holiness and sanctification. "We are God's movement, stated Bishop Ford, and a main dream of mine is that we return ourselves back to the Spirit of the COGIC; that Spirit that was given when God spoke to Bishop Mason." He exhorted that the Church...the power and the anointing of the Holy Ghost, and expounded upon the wonderful roots and great heritage that we, as a "peculiar people", possess within this grand God-given affiliation."

We must get back on our knees, and seek God like never before to take us back to what we once felt when we first came to know Him," he said.

And hand in hand with this burden, was the overall commission of "soul-winning", stressing that as disciples for Christ, we must not look down upon others, but remember from whence we came.

"People (saints) do not realize that when you brag about how good God has blessed you, you must be willing to pass that blessing on to somebody else...that they too may be given a ray of hope," he explained. "And in turning back, we must forget about our high positions and our titles, and realize there is somebody that needs this one church to show them that there is a way out!"

Bishop Ford spoke of the many problems that face our youths in these perilous times, but shared "the remedy" that will assist in our "winning their souls" to Christ:

"There are millions of young people in the world who can be won to the Church through those who know God...and in dealing with this generation, many of them are imprisoned and are involved in gang-related activities. They desire to talk", he explained, "but in most cases will not go to their parents or to the Pastor, for they are shaken under fear...if these children are already aching and hurting, they do not need someone to hit harder, but yet to soothe them, for they do want to be set free."

He spoke in length about the "recycling process" that is going on in the world today, and reiterated that "things that have been recycled become more valuable than the things that are not recycled"—that all of us (as Saints) have been "recycled" by the blood of Jesus, and what we must not forget that in the Church Of God In Christ.

Encouragement to "hold on" and "not to be weary in well doing", was the exhortation to the Saints.

"God has called you, don't let nothing turn you around," he said. And he continued to exhort the Saints by stating, "for if God be for you, He is more than the whole world against you, and if the Lord makes a way for you, everything is alright."

Bishop Ford concluded his message by appealing to the Saints of COGIC to "let the Spirit of God come in," and thusly, we will return to the old landmark.

And as the Saints began to make the requests known unto God, the praises went up and "the blessed assurance of victory" came down and began to sweep over the auditorium, and in unison the men and women of God everywhere cried out:

"Lord...bring back those happy days; Lord...fill with the Holy Ghost; Lord...fill me again; Lord...shake me again; Lord...knock me out again; Lord...knock self out of me!"

And as Bishop Ford took his seat, he shouted, "Jesus is a winner; I am a winner, and therefore, I am victorious...this Church will grow as the Spirit leads it; for with loving kindness, shall we draw the world."

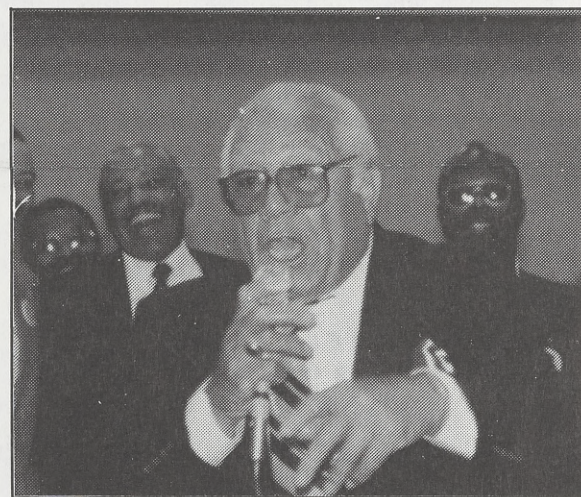
**"FOR GOD IS STILL YET
WORKING MIRACLES"**

Prepared by: Sister Yvonne Dice

Submitted by: Supt. Leo C. Brown, Jr.
Washington State Jurisdiction
COGIC Public Relations Department



Bishop T.L. Westbrook and Presiding Bishop enjoyed the Worship.



Bishop Ford preaches to Washington state delegates.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY EXECUTIVES MEET

Nearly sixty delegates participated in the gathering of the Executive Board meeting of the Church Of God In Christ General Assembly. Chairman Frank Ellis welcomed persons from around the country. They met to design and discuss the coming agenda for the Holy Convocation Session. Much work was planned and much was accomplished. The following is a list of those in attendance: Dr. A.D. Baxter, Mrs. Mary Benjamin, Bishop Melvin Clark, Bishop Earl J. Wright, Bishop W.W. Hamilton, Bishop C.D. Kinsey, Bishop C.L. Sexton, Vice Chairman, Dr. Frank J. Ellis, Chairman, Bishop R.L. Chapman, Bishop L.T. Blackshear, Bishop Tanner Perry, Bishop W.W. Sanders, Supervisor Lucy Flagg-Ntneh, Elder Solomon Williams, Dr. Cornelius Range, III, Elder S. Sanders, Bishop W.L. Porter, Elder James Smith, Elder David Screves, Elder Ernest Childs, Elder Carl Howard, Elder E.B. Alexander, Elder Jessie Dickens, Elder D.L. Sanders, Elder E. Lucas, Elder A.M. Smith, Elder DeWitt Hill, Bishop LaDell Thomas, Dr. John Williams, Bishop E.N. Webb, Elder Marcus Butler, Elder Tolbert Swan, Elder J.P. Morgan, Elder Elmer Hunter, Elder Charles Brown, Elder John Butler, Elder Thomas Jackson, Elder Alton Barnes, Elder Emmanuel Newton, Elder I. Grover, Elder G. Wesley Hardy, Elder Harvey Lewis, Elder Clifford Terrell, Elder Aubrey Baker, Elder Harold Moore, Elder Jonathan Saffold, Elder Loran Mann, Elder Thomas Holsey, Elder Curley Guidry, Elder Travis Cannon, Elder Joe Lyles, Jr., and Elder A.L. Hunt.

THE CALLING FOR THE YOUNG

*The Lord has called upon the young to praise his name,
To lift him up without shame.
No matter whose laughing and pointing,
You're receiving your anointing.
We must return unto Christ and follow in his path,
Truly these are the last days and God's pouring out his wrath,
God is angry we are not living the way we should,
Young people save your soul, if you would.
God will forgive you for the sins you have committed,
In order to be saved no sin is permitted.
The Bible will be fulfilled as it has based.
You can't wait on your brother, cousin, sister, or friend,
They can not save you in the end.*

Tamika Antwan Mark, Barnes Temple COGIC
Pine Bluff, Arkansas

ITC RECEIVES \$300,000 FROM PEW CHARITABLE TRUSTS FOR PHASE II OF CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAM

A new program of lifelong education will be instituted in the Fall by the Interdenominational Theological Center as a result of a \$300,000 grant from The Pew Charitable Trusts. The Certificate Program in Lifelong Education, an extension program of Continuing Education, will involve ITC in a unique way with Stillman College in Tuscaloosa, Alabama and Edward Waters College in Jacksonville, Florida which will serve as extension sites.

To facilitate the program, Dr. Grady L. Anderson, pastor of Washington Avenue Presbyterian Church in Macon and an ITC alumnus, has been employed as its director. Dr. Anderson sees this program as a "much needed resource" for pastors who reside "especially in rural areas" and unable to leave their pastorates for formal study within a college setting. The program, which targets practicing ministers who lack formal theological education, is designed to provide an organized and structured theological education. It consists of three years of study with four courses being offered each semester through the extension sites. At the successful completion of the program, ministers will be awarded a certificate from the Interdenominational Theological Center.

Dr. Anderson says that the courses offered by the sites will provide a program of general education that will lead some pastors to pursue full undergraduate training.

In 1987, The Pew Charitable Trusts awarded an \$88,000 planning grant as initial funding of phase I of the program. Funds for Phase II will institute the program beginning in the fall of this year.

The Pew Charitable Trusts, administer the seven individual charitable funds established between 1948 and 1979 by the sons and daughters of Joseph N. Pew, founder of the Sun Oil Company. The Trusts support nonprofit organizations dedicated to improving the quality of life for people and communities and encouraging personal growth and self-sufficiency. Grants are awarded in the areas of conservation and the environment, culture, education, health and human services, public policy and religion.

ITC is a professional graduate school of theology comprised of six denominational seminaries. C.H. Mason Theological Seminary is one of the six graduate schools. It is one of the six schools within the Atlanta University Center.

THE WHOLE TRUTH

YOUTH ON THE MOVE

The New Gamble Memorial COGIC, in Miami, Florida, held its first annual Youth Ministry Awards Banquet at the Miami Christian College. Music was provided by the Jackson Disciples and catered by Brother Ira McCall, Jr.

The keynote speaker for the evening was Missionary Virginia McCrae. She encouraged the church to make youth a part of the Church of today. She also stressed the importance of saints being aware of how and what our youth are doing in the school systems and the neighborhoods. Most of all she let us know how important it is to train our children in the ways of the church. Teaching youth how to lead devotion service, how to testify, how to pray, and how to be a good Christian were among the main issues. It was truly an inspirational message.

After a sumptuous meal, the Youth Department presented awards in the areas of the Sunshine Band, Sunday School, Purity Class, Junior Choir, and the Junior Usher Board.

Under the leadership of Dr. Julian C. Jackson and the youth leaders, Mrs. D. Porter, Mrs. C. Collins, Mrs. A. Davis and Mrs. L. Bradley, the Lord has really blessed the youth in our church. Their spiritual guidance has drawn children from all over the area to Christ. We are praying that God will continue to bless our children and our church.

Submitted by:
Mrs. Toni Richardson
The New Gamble Memorial COGIC
Miami, FL

BETHEL TEMPLE DEDICATED

Elder T.W. Rumph, Sr. and the Bethel Temple congregation celebrated the dedication of a new sanctuary. The church founded in 1962 by an energetic and young Elder Rumph has a history of progressive and meaningful ministry. The Gary, Indiana area has benefitted from the growth and development of this local church. For Pastor Rumph the dedication is a personal triumph, in that he has battled back from illness. The Lord both strengthened him and opened the door to a brighter future.

May 6, 1990 was a day of commemoration and promise. Bethel Temple was started in 1962 and located at 1900 Adams Street. The Lord honored the labor of Pastor Rumph, his wife Subella and the saints. They worked there for 16 years and souls were saved, and added to the church. Well, on to bigger and better things, as Bethel moved to 41st and Lincoln; there began a period of sustained growth. Bethel Temple got stronger and prospered. Not willing to stop, Pastor Rumph envisioned a greater ministry, hence he challenged the saints to move from the second building into the bigger, nearly half block structure on 43rd Avenue. Many said it should not or could not be done, but God worked the miracle.

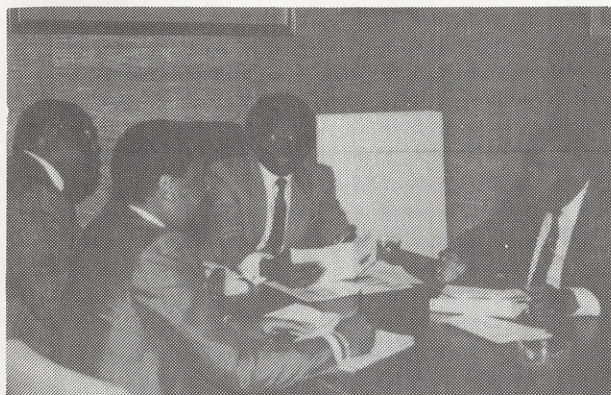
The dedication of the beautiful and expansive Bethel was conducted on May 6, 1990.

The dedication message was delivered by the pastor's life long friend, "Mr. Bible", Elder Cleophas Hall, Sr. A large crowd representing a crosssection of Indiana attended. The saints were inspired by the preached word, and were made more eager to get busier for God.

Elder Rumph does not work alone in the ministry. Among the friends, saints and local ministers is his faithful son "Jack", T.W. Rumph, Jr. Between the two of them much activity is being planned and carried out. The church gymnasium is currently functional as a resource for youth ministries. Soon a senior citizens center and a day care center will start. Bethel is moving ahead and Christ is blessing all that get involved with ministry.



HOLY CONVOCATION CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MEETS



Elders Asberry, Collins and Haney exchange seminar curriculum ideas.

JAMES OGLETHORPE PATTERSON

Fine Arts Appreciation Scholarship
About the Scholarship

The James Oglethorpe Patterson Fine Arts Appreciation Scholarship activities are held annually in Memphis, Tennessee, during the November Convocation. The preliminary activity for this competitive scholarship convenes Friday morning of the Convocation at 10:00 a.m., in the Henley Chapel of the Pentecostal Temple Institutional Church Of God In Christ, Linden Avenue at Danny Thomas Boulevard, Bishop J.O. Patterson, Jr., Pastor.

Finalists are selected among the applicants, based on their skills and abilities in the arts, by a panel of judges. The finalists are asked to exhibit their talent at the C.H. Mason Foundation Benefit Dinner which will be held annually on the Saturday of the November Convocation at 4:00 p.m., at a designated place in Memphis. Scholarships will be awarded to the finalists according to their excellence in performance and achievement.

Objectives

1. To cultivate broader acceptance and deeper appreciation for Fine Arts talent in the Church
2. To stimulate and enhance interest in careers and advanced studies in Fine Arts
3. To motivate and encourage greater self-expression among our youth who possess Fine Arts talent
4. To emphasize the applicability of Fine Arts to effective ministries in Church
5. To offer financial assistance to promising youth who are seeking further develop their skills in Fine Arts and who correlate those skills and abilities with spiritual growth and development

Eligibility Requirements

1. Any member of the Church Of God In Christ between the ages of sixteen and twenty-six (16-26)
2. The applicant should be currently pursuing a career

in some of Fine Arts at an accredited school, college or university in some category of Performing Art: Music, i.e. Vocal and Instrumental; Drama, i.e., Speech, Communications, Theater, Dramatic, and Oral Interpretation; Visual Art, i.e., Painting, Sculpture, Crafts, Creative Drawings

3. Each applicant should be briefly interviewed by one of the judges at the preliminary activity.

4. Each performing artist should prepare two different memorized selections.

5. If the category is vocal or instrumental, classical musicis preferred.

6. Each visual artist should prepare to exhibit at least two or three original art pieces or art works.

7. Each applicant's presentation should not be longer than five minutes.

MAIL APPLICATION TO:

Sara Jordan Powell, Fine Arts Director
Church Of God In Christ, Inc.
272 S. Main Street, Memphis, TN 38103

SCHOLARSHIP CANDIDATE PROFILE APPLICATION

Name _____
Address _____
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Telephone (____) _____
Date of Birth _____
Name of Parent or Guardian _____
Name of Church _____
Pastor _____
Jurisdictional Bishop _____
Supervisor _____
Name of High School, College or University you are attending _____
Classification (Circle one)
Freshman _____ Sophomore _____ Junior _____
Applicant's Major _____
Applicant's Performance Category (Circle One)
Music _____ Drama _____ Visual Art _____
Title or Theme of Applicant's Selection or Performance _____

Please Note: All Fine Arts Scholarship recipients will be issued vouchers at the C.H. Mason Foundation Benefit Dinner. A check for your scholarship award will be forwarded directly to the designated office of the accredited school, college or university of your choice. No checks will be mailed to your residence or forwarded to you personally. Please return your voucher which was issued to you at the dinner. For a prompt response, mail to:

The Charles Harrison Mason Foundation
272 S. Main Street, Memphis TN 38103
Attn: Elder Otis T. Massey, Exec. Dir.
Telephone Number 901-578-3825

C.H. MASON FOUNDATION OFFERS GENERAL ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP

Mrs. Mae C. Winbush, chairperson of the C.H. Mason General Academic Scholarship is pleased to offer college and graduate students an opportunity for a major church scholarship. The General Academic Scholarship should not be confused with the Fine Arts Scholarship, through which Elder O.T. Massey, Executive Director of the C.H. Mason Foundation provides money and acknowledgment for various kinds of talent. The General Scholarship is not for performing arts, rather is dedicated to the intellectual scholarly pursuits of students.

The general purpose and objectives of the General Academic Scholarship are as follows:

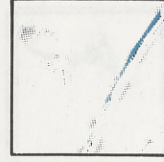
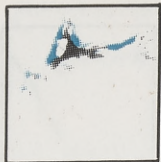
- 1) To encourage young people to continue their education beyond a high school diploma.
- 2) To assist deserving young people from low-income families by helping to fund their education.
- 3) To encourage young people to continue the Christian principles of the Church Of God In Christ.
- 4) To keep the vision and memory of our Founder, C.H. Mason and the late Presiding Bishop J.O. Patterson, Sr., alive.
- 5) To encourage young people to make a total commitment of themselves to Jesus Christ.

For those who desire to apply for the

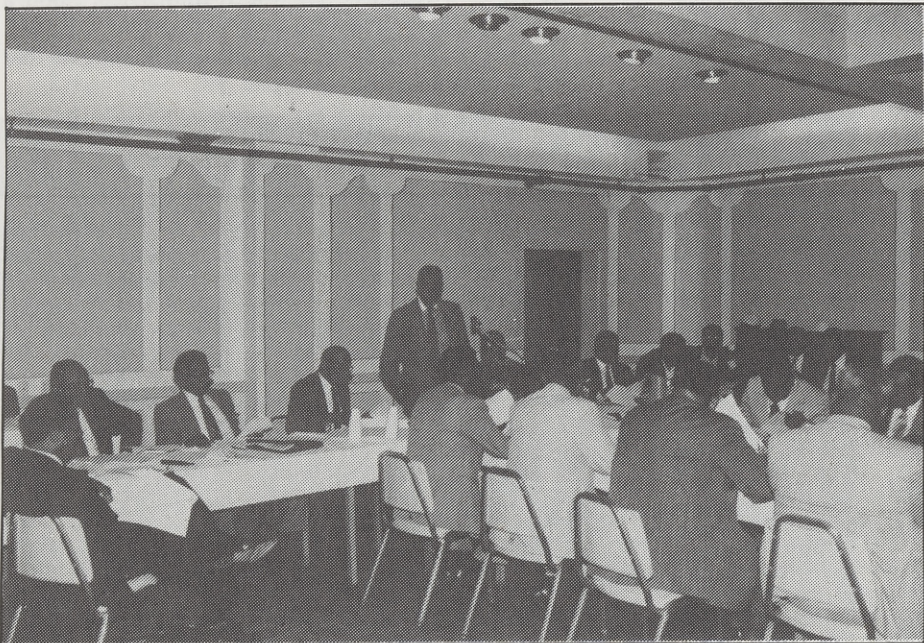
The following criteria must be met in order to approve a C.H. Mason General Academic Scholarship:

- 1) A letter from the applicant stating the school that has approved their attending and exact amount of assistance required.
- 2) A letter from the school's Bursar or Financial Aid office attesting the applicants request.
- 3) Copies of transcript form the last school applicant attended.
- 4) Copies of your grades from the last semester (not included in transcript).
- 5) Letter of recommendation from your jurisdictional bishop.
- 6) Letter of recommendation from your pastor.
- 7) Please return application to be considered in November by October 15th, and those to be considered in April by March 15th.
- 8) All information on the application must be filled in.
- 9) Resume' must be included along with the application showing sacred and secular activities, as well as previous or present employment.
- 10) Please remember to apply to other sources.

MAIL TO:
General Academic Scholarship
c/o Office of Presiding Bishop
P. O. Box 322
Memphis, TN 38101



ASSEMBLY HIGHLIGHTS



Election Committee Chairman, Elder Jackson makes his report before the Executive Committee.



Bishop E.J. Wright makes a point as The Chairman and the Judiciary Committee listen.



Elder J.P. Morgan and The Chairman raise important issues about elder's concerns.



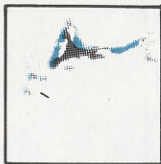
Registration Review Committee is addressed by Elder Williams.



Elder Howard in the final stage of his discourse.



After all that work Bishop T.L. Blackshear and Dr. M. Butler join the others for tasty food.



NOW IS THE ACCEPTABLE TIME FOR SAINTS TO HELP SAVE OUR GENERATION

Psalms 69:13 - But as for me (us) my (our) prayer is unto thee, O Lord, in an acceptable time O God in the multitude of thy mercy hear me, in the truth of thy salvation.

Now is the acceptable time for us to do a work for God. We appreciate His mercy and the many blessings that He has bestowed upon us. He has given us our life, our strength, and man necessities of life. We owe it all to our Heavenly Father.

It is the acceptable time for us to go out into harvest. The harvest is white, but the laborers are few.

The Saints must not be silent anymore. Now is the acceptable time for Christians. We must start in our homes. Parents cannot sit back and say that our children are grown now, and we can't do anything about the sins that they are committing. We must cry aloud and spare not, lift up our voices like trumpets and show our people their transgressions. . . . Isaiah 58:1.

Parents should check their children's bedrooms, their clothes, and telephone calls. The television programs should be guided by the parents of young children.

Our pastors, teachers, and counselors need our support in saving our generation.

This is the acceptable time for Saints to do work in the harvest.

Our black men are dying daily and/or going to prison.

We are ambassadors for Christ. We must help to conquer this drug war. Proverbs 14:34 states, "righteousness exalteth a nation; but sin is a reproach to any people".

We must let the world know that Jesus died on the cross and rose from the grave for us all. The blood of Jesus will cleanse you from all sins. Just believe on Him. This is the acceptable time.

Missionary Bernice Shields Hayman
Holy Temple Church Of God In Christ
Little Rock, AR

LIFE IN THE INNER CITY

Serving People of Promise with Scripture Resources

NEW YORK—A cross section of clergy and lay persons from Tallahassee, Florida to Chicago met recently in New York City with staff of the American Bible Society to examine the problems of life in the inner cities and to create an agenda for the 1990s.

In an interdenominational setting at the Bible House, headquarters for the American Bible Society (ABS), pastors, a social worker and local community leaders met at the request of the ABS. They came to examine the ways the ABS can work with churches, community agencies and other organizations for responsible distribution of Scripture resources that would serve to enhance the lives of inner city residents, particularly young people.

Each participant spoke appreciatively of the ABS's effort and went on to suggest how the ABS could answer the all-important question on the consultation's agenda: How may the Bible be used to help conquer barriers to communion, communications and understanding in the cities?"

I think they challenged us to continue finding ways and means to get and to make opportunities for Scripture distribution," said the Rev. Moses Knott, manager for program development in the ABS National Distribution Department. He convened the consultation and later noted the group's expressed interest, concern and appreciation for the work of the ABS.

"I thank the ABS for bringing us here and for making this consultation possible," said the Rev. Dr. Walter E. Middlebrooks, before presenting his suggestions for future ABS action. Dr. Middlebrooks, a United Methodist (UM) pastor from Washington, DC. area, is working with UM Bishop Felton E. May in a special drug initiative in Washington that focuses heavily on young people.

Children, the group decided, are at the nucleus of life in the inner cities, surrounded by almost insurmountable problems. Responding to the request of New York City human resources administrator Barbara Mikell, the group outlined at least eight major problem areas that affect these children. They prioritized the list. Employment and unemployment, housing and homelessness were among the top five concerns.

The inner-city, is bombarded daily with the realities of homelessness, crime, and also AIDS,

one concern the group initially failed to list, she noted. "It's truly the children who are affected," she said. In addition to reviewing Scripture resources already developed by the ABS, the group also gave staff of the National Distribution Department feedback on a new booklet being developed for urban youth. The booklet is designed to provide inspiration and motivation for young people who are facing difficult challenges in the cities.

The ABS is producing Scripture materials that address the spiritual concerns faced by persons today. It has already produced and distributed portions relating to self-esteem and peer-pressure in youth, to homelessness, substance abuse, AIDS and families.



Participants, American Bible Society consultation on Life in the Inner City.

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Assembly authorizing them to compile an election code handbook to be used in each of the elections held in the future. Dr. Ellis stated to the committee that to his knowledge the Church Of God In Christ is the only organization of this size that does not use a qualifying mechanism to determine who is eligible to run for office, and that to insure quality performance, we needed qualified candidates.

Dr. Ellis presented the Chairman of the Board of Bishops, Bishop J. Howard Sherman to speak to the committee. Dr. Ellis stated that Bishop Sherman has demonstrated his support of the Chairman since his election in 1989, and that he looked forward to working with the Chairman of the Board of Bishops. Bishop Sherman expressed his commitment to the General Assembly and the leadership under Dr. Frank Ellis. He thanked the Committee for the invitation, and stated that he "will do all that he can to support the Presiding Bishop and Chairman of the General Assembly". "My concern", he said, "is for the peace and tranquility of the Church."

The Registration Committee, chaired by Elder Emanuel Newton, gave their report on the registration process and provided definition for credential-holders and non credential holder status under which the delegates are registered. There are numerous concerns expressed by committee members about the jurisdictional master list that is submitted to the General Secretary's Office. Allegedly, some jurisdictions have been certifying delegates after arriving at the convocation. Dr. Ellis asked Bishop Sherman if he would review this situation with the Board of Bishops and devise a uniform procedure that is adhered to by all jurisdictions, since the election of all delegates is supposed to be conducted in the jurisdictional assembly before coming to the General Assembly.

Other reports were given by Bishop C.D. Kinsey who spoke to the issue of creation and dissolving jurisdictions. He indicated that their work was ongoing and they would have a full report in November. He also stated that the Standards and Extension Committee had further divided their committees into sub-committees to review matters such as economic development, historical perspective, fellowships, jurisdictional structure and management. Elder David Screvens submitted a job description report on behalf of his committee on National Officers Job Descriptions. He shared with the committee that more work needed to be done to match job specifications and qualifications for national officers without overlapping responsibilities and/or under-utilizing office-holders.

Dr. Cornelius Range gave a brief synopsis of his committee's work (doctrinal review), and indicated that it is now time to review our position on women

The consultation was organized by the Program Development Office of the National Distribution Department. In addition to Ms. Mikell and Dr. Middlebrooks, participants at the consultation were Dr. Timothy Birkett, president of Urban Business Initiatives, Inc., New York City; Mr. Richard Brumleve, Director, Human Service Ministry, Illinois Conferences of Churches; Professor David Daniels, McCormick Theological Seminary, Chicago; the Rev. Ernest Ferrell, president Tallahassee Urban League, Florida; Mr. Marvin Marsh, Neighborhood Christian Centers, American Baptist Churches, Valley Forge, PA; and the Rev. Robert Perry, pastor, Caldwell AMEZ Church, Bronx, N.Y.

in the ministry and treat it as a major issue confronting our Church. He was encouraged to continue work with his committee and be prepared to report again in the November Executive Committee meeting. Other reports were given by Elder Charles Brown on Public Policy. Elder Brown shared with the group the need for the Church of God In Christ to articulate to the public what our views are and on such subjects, such as, substance abuse, the blackmale, teenage pregnancy/parenting, abortion, homelessness, and economic development. Elder Brown's committee was expanded to include Elder Lauren Mann, who is employed as anchorman with a local television station in Pittsburgh, PA. Elder Mann will be given the responsibility of directing the media interviews to be conducted at the close of the General Assembly. Dr. Ellis stipulated that this proposal would be a joint news conference of the legislative branch and the executive board, and is intended to brief the public on the various issues the Church is embarking upon.

Bishop Webb summarized the judiciary Committee's report and expressed some concern about the lack of specificity in adjudicating some of the cases that are brought before the Church. Many of those issues were related to constitutionality of jurisdictional proceedings and due process of law. His committee planned to meet to further research such matters and submit another report in the November Executive meeting. Elder Solomon Williams, chairman of the Constitution Committee, reiterated the proposed amendments to the constitution and was given the opportunity to address the many constructive questions raised by the committee. Elder Williams was commended by the Chairman for a thorough report, and encouraged him to be prepared to report in November.

Dr. Ellis summarized the findings of the various committees and emphasized the volume of work that needed to be done. He congratulated the Executive Committee pledged their support for the many initiatives coming before the General Assembly and their desire to remain united and loyal to the welfare of the Church Of God In Christ. Elder Carl Howard, who had become ill while attending the meeting and had been taken to the hospital returned to the meeting magnifying the Lord for his deliverance and healing. Dr. Ellis asked the Elder Howard to come forth and offer prayer on behalf of the Church and the Committee, since the prayers of the righteous had been answered on his behalf. The meeting closed with the business of the Church having been done "decently and in order".

Submitted by, Elder James W. Smith,
Secretary, Executive Committee Committee

THE WHOLE TRUTH

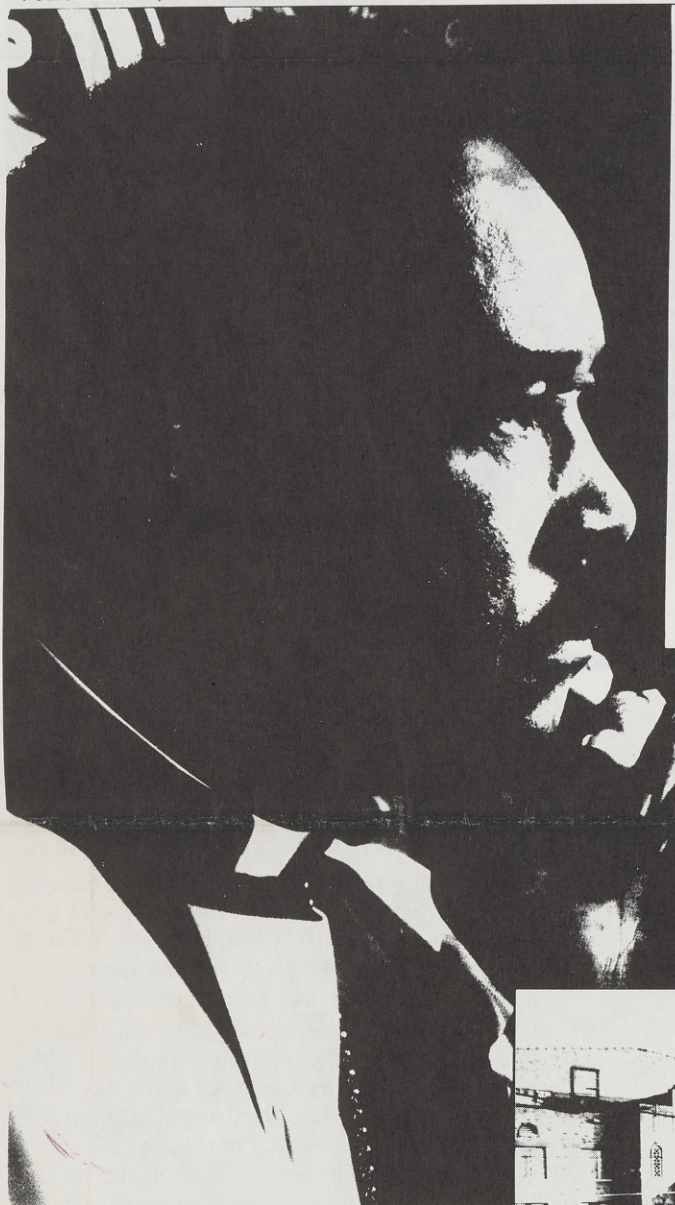
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*"The law of truth was in his mouth and iniquity was not found in his mouth." Mal. 2:6. "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." John 8:32.

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NATIONAL FUNERAL OBSERVED

The National/International Memorial Service for the Most Reverend James Oglethorpe Patterson, Sr., was conducted, Thursday, January 4, 1990 at Mason Temple Church Of God In Christ. The officiants were Bishop Louis Henry Ford, Bishop Chandler David Owens, Bishop John Dale Husband, Bishop Cleveland Landis Anderson, Bishop Ozro Thurston Jones, Jr., Bishop Phillip Aquilla Brooks, Bishop Samuel L. Green, Jr., Bishop J. Neaul Haynes, Bishop Charles Edward Blake, Bishop Levi E. Willis, Sr. and Bishop Roy Lawrence Haley Winbush. Tributes and resolutions were presented by numerous church department heads and officials. While dignitaries and religious leaders from the world over sat prayerfully, the Church Of God In Christ said goodbye to a leader unparalleled.

Bishop Samuel L. Green, Jr. opened the services to a softly played organ prelude and songs from the mass choir. Dr. Mattie Clark had the music splendidly prepared. A magnificent processional came into Mason Temple and the funeral began. The silence had a calming affect as the acolytes lighted the candle stands. Behind them came the Adjutant General, General Board of Bishops, General Officers, Board of Bishops and a host of denominational leaders. The family, led by Bishop J.O. Patterson, Jr. and Mrs. Mary Patterson, widow of the Presiding Bishop lifted their heads and were pictures of strength. A host of tearful family and friends filed in. After the family and others had reviewed the remains, the bier was sealed, and a ceremonial cloth draped over the casket. Everything was done with simplicity and beautifully staged as service befitting the Chief Apostle.

Bishop H. Jenkins Bell, Chief Adjutant led the Hymn of Comfort. The invocation was given with a deeply spiritual and healing touch by Bishop John D. Husband. The Old Testament scripture was read by Bishop Ozro Thurston Jones, Jr. He read Psalm 90 and the New Testament scripture was offered by Bishop Charles E. Blake. He presented a passage in I Corinthians 15:50-58, which was very appropriate. Bishop Phillip Aquilla Brooks led the congregation in the Statement of Faith. The program was long but Bishop C.D. Owens moved the agenda along smoothly and with deliberate speed.

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An overflow crowd of upward to 7-8,000 attended the memorial service.

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OBITUARY



JOANN (JOHANNA) WELLS McEWEN

Joann (Johanna) Wells McEwen, the eldest child of Elder Jody Wells and Mrs. Bertie Barnett Wells, was born on April 9, 1905, in Dyersburg, Tennessee.

She matriculated at Wilberforce University and Tennessee State University, and taught in the Dyer County School System prior to her marriage.

The late Mrs. McEwen, widow of the late Bishop A.B. McEwen, Sr., Chairman Emeritus of the Executive Board of the Church Of God In Christ, moved to Memphis, Tennessee, immediately after her marriage where she resided until her death on July 27, 1990.

She had many talents and was a very warm humanitarian and a concerned citizen, evidenced by her membership in The Fine Arts Club, the Bishops' Wives Circle, and City Beautiful Commission.

Soft spoken, but firm, she was the devoted mother of six children, Elder A.B. McEwen, Jr., Pastor; George E. McEwen, retired United States Army Band Serviceman; Gwendolyn McEwen Smith, Teacher; Barbara McEwen Savage, Teacher; Donald W. McEwen, Specialist, Support Technology, McDonnell Douglass Corporation; and Lulah McEwen Hedgeman, Teacher.

The late Mrs. McEwen was a member of McEwen Memorial Temple Church Of God In Christ (formerly Lane Avenue Church Of God In Christ) where she had also served as church mother.

Her fortitude and character were impressive to those whose lives she touched. She was noted for her "Bits of Witticism."

Eternal Life

Lord make me an instrument of Thy peace!
Where there is hatred ... let me sow love.
Where there is injury ... pardon.
Where there is doubt ... faith.
Where there is despair ... hope.
Where there is darkness ... light.
Where there is sadness ... joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
To be consoled ... as to console,
To be understood ... as to understand,
To be loved ... as to love;
For it is giving ... that we receive;
It is in pardoning ... that we are pardoned;
It is in dying ... that we are born to eternal life.

—St. Francis of Assisi